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1. FONSEC MINIC IN ADDRESS JAN 28 TO ASSEMBLY OF COUNCIL OF EUROPE POINTED TO "SPECULATION AND EVEN CAMPAIGNS IN CERTAIN WESTERN COUNTRIES" TO PRESENT YUGOSLAVIA AS COUNTRY WORRIED BY INTERNAL INSTABILITY. SUCH SPECULATION AND PRESSURES ARE "CERTAINLY NOT IN THE INTEREST OF POWERS URGING SECURITY AND FIRM ENDURING PEAC IN EUROPE," MINIC SAID. HE ATTRIBUTED PRESSURE TO "CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS AND CIRCLES IN EUROPE, AND OUTSIDE EUROPE" OPPOSED TO YUGOSLAV DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN POLICY. THIS IS, TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, FIRST RAISING OF ISSUE BY YUGOSLAVS IN INTERNATIONAL FORUM.

2. WESTERN MEDIA COVERAGE OF EVENTS HERE, PARTICULARLY ANY ALLEGATIONS OF YUGOSLAV INTERNAL INSTABILITY, CONTINUE TO BE TARGETS OF LOCAL PRESS. COMMENTARIES ON SUSPENSION OF "BELGRADE EIGHT" (REF BELGRADE 434) ALSO CONDEMN FOREIGN SUPPORT OF EIGHT AS MEDDLING IN YUGOSLAV INTERNAL AFFAIRS. TYPICAL COMMENT ATTRIBUTES SUPPORT TO "MOST CONSERVATIVE CIRCLES" ABROAD, "WHICH HAVE HAD, OVER YEARS, HOSTILE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ATTITUDE ROWARD OUT COUNTRY AND HER INDEPENDENCE" (JAN 28

TV COMMENTARY). JAN 29 TANJUG DISPATCH, PICKED UP IN JAN 30 BORBA AND POLITIKA, SUMMARIZED SWEDISH EDITIORIAL CRITICIZING WESTERN PRESS COVERAGE OF SUSPENSION.

3. WE NOTE BOTH BORBA AND POLITIKA DROPPED PART OF TANJUG VERSION OF SWEDISH EDITORIAL. SECTION DROPPED JUSTIFIED MOVE AGAINST DISSIDENT EIGHT IN NEED FOR YUGOSLAV UNITY "WHEN VARIOUS NATIONALIST ELEMENTS AND OLD COMINFORMISTS ARE ENDEAVOURING TO UNDERMINE VERY FOUNDATIONS ... OF YUGOSLAV STATE." TOON

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